

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-17 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 6, 7, and 12-14 are amended; and Claims 12-17 are withdrawn in response to a previous restriction requirement.

Claim amendments provide clarification and correction of minor informalities. Thus, no new matter is added.

In the Office Action, Claim 6 was objected to, Claim 6 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, and Claims 1-5 and 7-11 were allowed.

Regarding the objection to Claim 6 and the rejection of Claim 6 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, Claim 6 is amended to more clearly indicate that the printing system comprises a network, a plurality of printers, a plurality of client devices, and means for registering print restriction information and for issuing and transmitting a ticket, and that the ticket is received from the means for registering print restriction information and for issuing and transmitting the ticket. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that Claim 6 particularly points out and distinctly claims the subject matter of the invention.

Thus, it is respectfully requested the objection to Claim 6 and rejection of Claim 6 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, be withdrawn.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that independent Claims 1, 6, and 7, and claims depending therefrom, are allowable.

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Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendment, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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